Document No. 3317
Adopted at Meeting of 5/20/76
RESOLUTION OF THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RE: MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN OF THE
SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56
AND AUTHORIZATION TO PROCLAIM BY CERTIFICATE THESE
MINOR MODIFICATIONS.

WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Plan for the South End Urban Renewal Area was adopted by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on September 23, 1965 and approved by the City Council of the City of Boston on December 6, 1965; and

WHEREAS, Section 1201 of Chapter 12 of said Plan entitled: "Modifications" provides that the Urban Renewal Plan may be modified at any time by the Boston Redevelopment Authority without further approval provided that the proposed modifications do not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Authority that the minor modification with respect to Parcel X-39 is consistent with the objectives of the South End Urban Renewal Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is cognizant of Chapter 30, Sections 61 and 62 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, with respect to minimizing and preventing damage to the environment;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Plan is a minor change and may be adopted within the discretion of the Authority pursuant to Section 1201 of said Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY THAT:

Pursuant to Section 1201 thereof of the South End Urban Renewal Plan, Mass. R-56, be and hereby is amended by:

- 1. That Map No. 3 "Reuse Parcels" is hereby modified by creating subparcels X-39 and X-39A retaining the present permitted uses. (map attached)
- 2. That Map No. 3 "Reuse Parcels" is hereby further modified by deleting Nos. 41-43 Thorndike Street from the Parcel X-39 acquisition schedule and establishing "residential" as a permitted land use for Nos. 41-47 Thorndike Street. (map attached)
- 3. That the proposed modification is found to be a minor modification which does not substantially or materially alter or change the Plan;
- 4. That it is hereby found and determined that the proposed development will not result in significant damage to or impairment of the environment and further, that all practicable and feasible means and measures have been taken and are being utilized to avoid or minimize damage to the environment.

- 5. That all other provisions of said Plan not inconsistent herewith be and are continuing in full force and effect;
- 6. That the Director be and hereby is authorized to proclaim by Certificate these minor modifications of the Plan; all in accordance with the provisions of the Urban Renewal Handbook, RHM7207.1, Circular dated June 3, 1970.





TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

FROM: ROBERT T. KENNEY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: SOUTH END URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. MASS. R-56

PROCLAIMER OF MINOR MODIFICATION OF THE URBAN RENEWAL

PLAN/PARCEL X-39

SUMMARY: This memorandum requests that the Authority

adopt a Minor Modification of the South End Urban Renewal Plan with respect to Disposition Parcel X-39; and that the Authority authorize the Director to proclaim by Certificate this

Minor Modification.

Disposition Parcel X-39 is bounded by East Lenox Street, Reed Street, Thorndike Street and Harrison Avenue in the South End Urban Renewal Area and contains some 78,500 square feet. The irregular shape of Parcel X-39 is shown on the attached map. The Authority has acquired only five small parcels in X-39 containing some 2,496 square feet. Three of the lots are vacant land and two contain three-story brick buildings.

The Stride Rite Corporation, a major South End company with approximately 1,100 employees, owns a significant portion of Parcel X-39. Stride Rite wishes to acquire the three vacant Authority parcels and build a parking lot for its employees on a portion of Parcel X-39. Section 602, Table A, of the South End Urban Renewal Plan lists "Parking" as a permitted land use on Parcel X-39.

In order to permit this action, Parcel X-39 should be subparcelized as follows:

- 1.) The area bounded by East Lenox Street, Reed Street, Newcomb Street, and Harrison Avenue should continue to be designated as Parcel X-39 with the existing controls in force;
- 2.) The area bounded by Newcomb Street, Reed Street, Thorn-dike Street, and Harrison Avenue should be designated as Parcel X-39A with "Parking" as the permitted land use;
- 3.) The four brick buildings, Nos. 41-47 Thorndike Street, should be removed from Parcel X-39. The two Authority-owned buildings should be designated as Parcels RR-117 (45 Thorndike Street) and RR-118 (47 Thorndike Street) and offerred for sale for residential rehabilitation.

Finally, it is requested that the Director be authorized to proclaim, by Certificate, this minor modification.

The proposed modification is minor and does not substantially or materially alter or change the plan. This modification may, therefore, be effected by vote of the Authority, pursuant to Section 1201 of the South End Urban Renewal Plan.

An appropriate Resolution is attached.